

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2469 – SB 3219

February 15, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to release a report and all associated records upon the request and with the written authorization of the subject of the report or the subject's parent or guardian to a member of the General Assembly.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

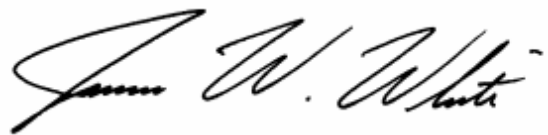
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The General Assembly Member who receives the report and associated records must keep all personal identifying information confidential.
- All other information included in the report is available for public disclosure and discussion by the members or any committee of the General Assembly.
- Any cost to DCS for providing records at the written request of a child or the parent or guardian of the child can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- According to DCS, should the provisions of the bill not meet the requirements of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), the Department would be in jeopardy of losing \$18,177,000 in federal funding which includes \$12,036,200 in Title IV-B parts 1 and 2 funds, \$501,000 in Child Abuse Neglect funds, and \$339,800 in Children Justice Act funds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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